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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA

Air Traffic Control
(Preparatory Assistance)(NIR/78/008)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	December 1978
Starting date of project activities:	January 1979 (Planned)
Planned completion date:	November 1981
To be executed by:	International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
Government Implementing Agency:	Federal Ministry of Civil Aviation
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$2 965 800
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. The need for an adequate and efficient transportation system which is vital to economic growth and expanding productivity in a country like Nigeria is evident. The Government recognizing this, committed its support in its Third National Development Plan by directing 22 per cent of the Public Sector Capital Programme towards the Transportation Sector. Air Transport will receive N527 million in investments while N37.9 million will be spent on improving safety in aircraft operations.

2. With the continuing increase and complexity of air traffic in the Nigerian air space, the implementation of radar control is necessary in order to ensure safety and expedition of air traffic. Nigeria has at present twelve operational airports and by 1982 there will be sixteen, five of which will have radar Air Traffic Control equipment. Forty of the total licensed ATC officers will require a "D" licence which will qualify them to operate the new radar equipment which is being installed and which will become operational at the beginning of February 1979.

* In accordance with General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) and subsequent authorizations of the UNDP Governing Council, reports are issued seriatim on the approval of UNDP assistance of $250,000 or more (including, if any, assistance financed by Government or by third-party cost sharing).

II. Objectives and activities

3. The immediate objective of the project is to promote air safety in Nigeria through: (a) the provision of assistance to the Government in the form of qualified personnel to operate the new radar equipment to be put into immediate operation at five major airports; and (b) the training of national personnel in order that the operation of the ATC radar systems throughout the country will be entirely manned by qualified Nigerian air traffic controllers by November 1981.

III. Inputs

4. UNDP will provide for the services of one senior ATC radar adviser/project co-ordinator; thirty-six expatriate "D" licensed radar air traffic controllers; the training of forty Nigerian air traffic controllers for "D" radar licences; support staff and equipment.

5. The Government will provide salaries and maintenance for trainees, and equipment and housing accommodation.

IV. Financial data

6. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

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Personnel	180 540
Subcontracts	2 600 000
Equipment	64 000
Miscellaneous	121 260
	2 965 800

7. The estimated value expressed in US dollars of inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $17,438,400 in kind.

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